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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: ) Group Art Unit: 1645  
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Serial No.: 09/769,981 )  
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For: Method for the Evaluation of )  
Implantable Materials ) Pasadena, California

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Jennifer Hargis

December 17, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 7, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.